

- (a) First embodiment shown in Figs. 1A, 1B;
- (b) Second embodiment shown in Figs. 2A, 2B; and
- (c) Third embodiment shown in Figs. 3A, 3B.

Applicant elects group (a) (First embodiment shown in Figs. 1A, 1B) with traverse.

Claims readable on elected group (a) are claims 1-4 and 13.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed as follows. The indication, in the Office Action, that “there is no claim which is generic”<sup>1</sup> is respectfully traversed. It is pointed out that claim 13 is a generic claim. Attention is drawn to the specification, paragraphs 29-31, which is a part of the description of the present invention that provides generic features common to all of the first to third embodiments (i.e., groups (a) to (c)). Claim 13 includes limitations similar such generic features such that claim 13 is generic to groups (a), (b), and (c). Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present requirement for restriction be reconsidered and withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

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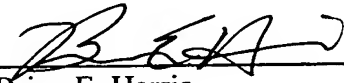
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<sup>1</sup> Office Action, page 2, line 8 (July 31, 2002).

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